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FM AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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AID FOR CLARY PHA/FDRC; DOD MSC FOR DON DAHL

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SUBJECT: CURACAO WATER PROBLEMS AND THE HAGUE GOVERNMENT'S  
ROLE

1. WE DISCUSSED THE CURACAO WATER SHORTAGE WITH AN OFFICIAL  
OF THE CABINET FOR NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AFFAIRS, VAN ESTEREN,  
ON AUGUST 9, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ROLE THE GOVERN-  
MENT IN THE HAGUE IS PLAYING. VAN ESTEREN SAID THAT THE  
CABINET HAS PROVIDED THE FUNDS FOR REBUILDING AND EXTENDING  
THE DAMAGED WATER DISTILLATION PLANT, SINCE THIS TYPE OF  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IS NORMALLY BORNE BY THE CENTRAL GOVERN-  
MENT, IN CONTRAST TO OPERATING EXPENSES SUCH AS THE PAYMENTS  
FOR CHARTERING THE SEALIFT ARCTIC, WHICH GNA SHOULDERED. VAN  
ESTEREN REMARKED THAT THE COST OF THE EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY  
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HAS BEEN SO HIGH, HOWEVER, THAT GNA MAY HAVE TO SEEK

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE HAGUE. HE NOTED THAT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS USUALLY HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY GETTING APPROVED, A CONDITION AGRAVATED THIS YEAR BY STRINGENT LIMITS BEING PLACED ON ALL GOVERNMENT SPENDING HERE. WHILE HE THOUGHT HUMANITARIAN ARGUMENT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN PASSING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, HE SAID GON IS NOT GOING TO SUGGEST THAT GNA COME TO IT FOR FUNDS.

2. AS FOR CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, VAN ESTEREN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WORST IS OVER, THREE OF FIVE EVAPORATORS ARE WORKING, AND REPAIRS ARE UNDERWAY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GON WOULD RATHER HAVE THE CUP PASS, IT SSEMS TO BE EXPECTING A REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM GNA AND WOULD PROBABLY RESPOND SYMPATHETICALLY.  
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